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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Normally, dogs which are not rabid are not destroyed. As a whole, stray dogs are taken into the lethal chamber and destroyed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Do the Government think it justifiable in this land of Ahimsa just to destroy dogs, because they are born as dogs, while the Government have got the S.P.C.A. and also an organisation for the preservation of wild life?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The hon. Member thinks that it is not proper to destroy the stray dogs. But, at the same time, mention has been made in this Honourable House many a time about the nuisance the stray dogs are creating not only in the hospitals but also on the roadside.

High Ways Research Institute, Madras

3-10 p.m. * 101 Q.—SRI L. S. KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of (i) men and (ii) women employees in the Highways Research Institute, Madras as on 1st January 1963; and

(b) the mode of appointment to (i) temporary and (ii) permanent vacancies in the Institute?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) (i) Men—115.
(ii) Woman—2.

(b) *General Erocedure for Appointment.*—Candidates are recuruited through Employment Exchange. They are interviewed by a Committee of Assistant Engineers in charge of the Sections and Administrative branches concerned after the requirements of qualifications, age, etc., are verified. The recommendation of the Committee are finally approved by the Director of the Research Station. The Research Station being a scientific Institution, every step is taken to procure the best talent available with suitable qualifications and aptitude for research. The persons recruited are first taken in the workcharged schemes and absorbed against the regular vacancies after they gain enough experience. Appointments are also made by transfer when qualified candidates become available. All the vacancies in the Highways Research Station are only temporary and the continuance of these posts is sanctioned every year by Government.

SRI L. S. KARAYALAR: Has any complaint been received that appointments are made in this Institute without any regard to procedure?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: There is no such complaint. If the hon. Member writes to me of any specific case, I shall look into it.